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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR(S): Tobey J. MacDonald, Kevin M. Brown and Dietrich A. Stephan

TITLE:A Gene Expression-Based Method for Distinguishing Metastatic from Non-Metastatic Forms of a Tumor, and Use in Designing Therapeutic Drugs

In connection with this application, the following are enclosed:

23 Total pages in specification + abstract, minus claim and drawings

25 Total number of claims

<u>7</u> Sheets of Drawings

X Declaration, Power of Attorney

X Statement of Small Entity Status

The fee has been calculated as shown below. (Small entity fees indicated in parentheses.)

(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee \$710 (\$355)
Total Claims	25-20 = 5	5	x \$18 (x \$9)	45
Independent Claims	1-3 = -2	0	x \$80 (x \$40)	0
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$270 (\$135)	0
Assignment Recording Fee			\$ 40	NA
			TOTAL FEE:	\$400

A check in the amount of the above TOTAL FEE is attached. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is requested to notify the undersigned attorney of any under or over payment.

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